

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 7. The replacement sheet, which includes FIG. 7, replaces the original FIG. 7 and removes reference to element 740.

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Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-9 and 13 will be canceled, claims 10, 14, 21, and 23 will be amended, and claims 25-31 will be added. Thus, claims 10-12 and 14-32 will be pending. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

Objection to Drawings

In response to the outstanding objection to the drawings, Applicant has amended FIG. 7 to remove reference to element 740 in view of the Examiner's helpful comment. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Objection to Specification

The Abstract has been amended in view of the Examiner's helpful comments. Withdrawal of the objection to the Specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that previously pending claim 13 contained allowable subject matter. The limitation of claim 13 has been added to claim 10, and allowance of claim 10 is respectfully requested (along with claims 11-12 and 14-20 dependent thereon).

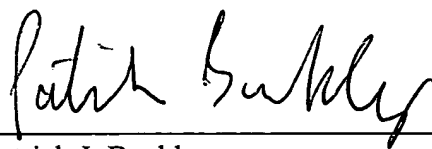
Claim 21 has been amended to include limitations similar to those previously recited in claim 13. Moreover, the claim now recites "arranging for a packet to be transmitted via the resource" in view of the Examiner's helpful comments regarding 35 USC 101. In particular,

Applicant respectfully suggests that claim 21 as amended recites as tangible result and is not simply an algorithm to determine a requestor. Similarly, claim 23 has been amended to include limitations similar to those previously recited in claim 13 and, further, in view of the Examiner's helpful comments regarding 35 USC 101. Finally, newly added claim 25, and claims 26-31 have been drafted to include such limitations. As a result, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

Respectfully submitted,



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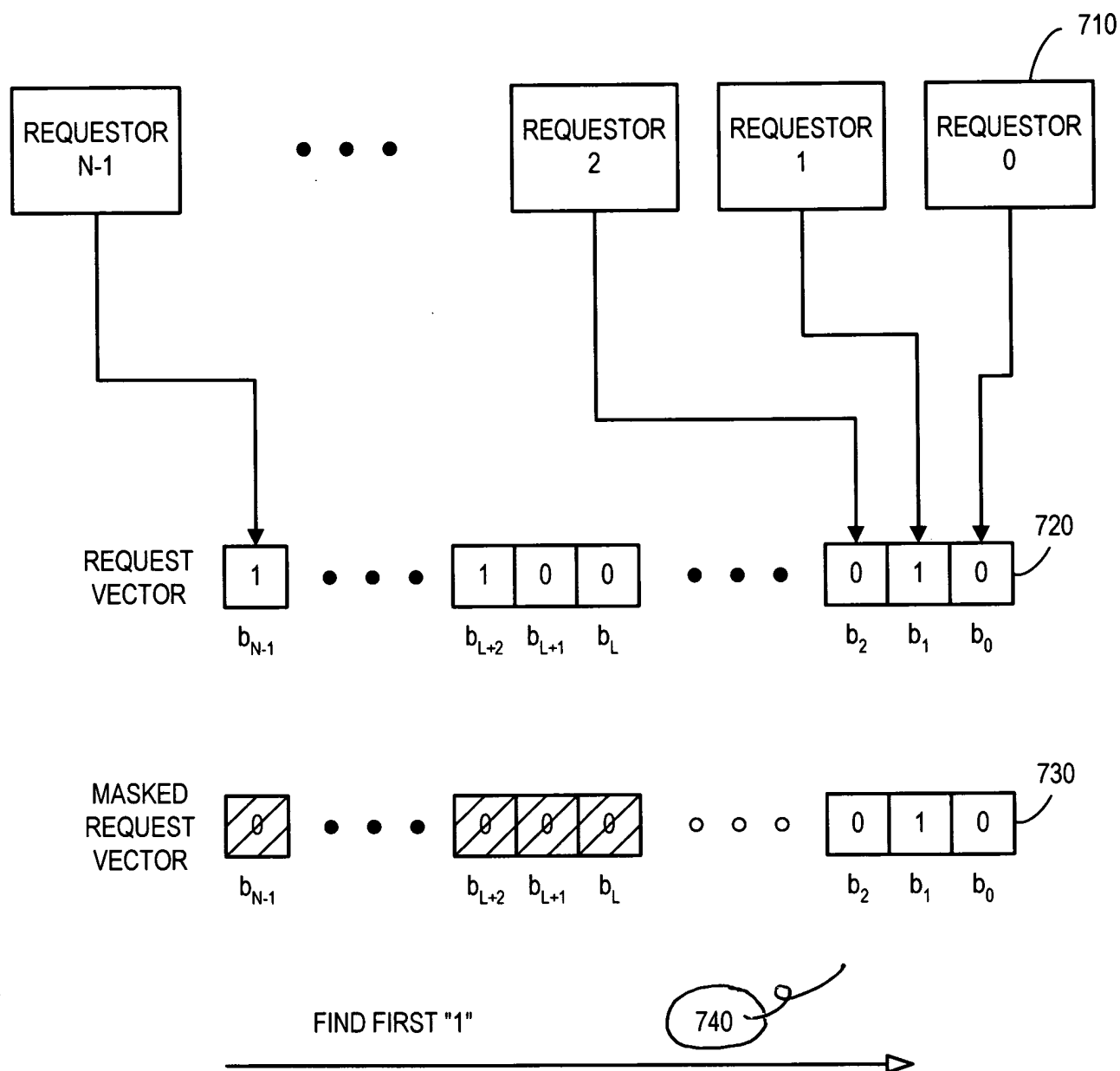


FIG. 7